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SYDNEY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1904.

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SUMMARY.

Butler reports that a tremendous conflict is raging at Port Arthur, and that victory is leaning in the balance.

An eye-witness gives an appalling description of the explosion of a mine field at Port Arthur recently.

He says that the ground was littered with limbs and with piles of dead, and the agonies of the injured could be plainly heard.

On the Port Arthur warship on the 10th instant the casualties were 125 officers and men killed and 223 wounded.

Chifu reports that eight destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, and that Japanese destroyers are searching for them.

Karakovsk, where the cruiser Novik took refuge, and was sunk by the Japanese, has been abandoned.

The Tao-tai of Shanghai has extended the time for the Russian cruiser to remain in port.

Admiral Yates Sterling (United States) has determined that the Japanese shall not interfere with the two vessels in territorial waters.

He has offered to escort them outside the harbour for a distance of three miles at Shanghai, to adopt collective measures to maintain the neutrality of the port.

The Japanese Consul strongly protested against collective measures affecting the rights of belligerents.

A meeting of Consuls endorsed the protest against collective action.

At the instigation of the British Consul-General, the whole matter was referred to the Chinese Government at Peking.

The Japanese destroyer which had entered Shanghai has left the port.

The Russian cruiser Flinders has left Antwerp for the Far East.

A Russian cruiser stopped the British steamer Comedian, near Durban, and examined her papers.

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THE DRAWING UP OF AN ANGLO-THIBETAN treaty at Lhasa is proceeding slowly but steadily.

The first session of the twelfth Parliament of New South Wales was opened yesterday.

Mr. McEwen was elected Speaker.

Mr. Wattell announced that the Government intended to resign as soon as supply bills are cleared.

He quoted several precedents where Governments had resigned immediately after supply bills had been passed.

Mr. Wattell said he would not question the bona fides of the Government in their action, but Mr. McEwen made an attack upon the Premier.

He maintained that Mr. Wattell had taken an unconstitutional course.

The Government will be ready to Parliament to-day. It will merely refer to the necessity for granting temporary supply.

At a meeting of the Opposition yesterday, Mr. Wattell was criticised by Mr. Wattell.

He also endeavored to show that Mr. Wattell is the head of a Conservative Administration, while Labour is the head of a Liberal Administration.

The Premier has decided to open a Nominations relief fund.

The official report shows that the new dispensation at Jerrilder is "satisfactory."

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W 128.2 p.c. Inset, 4 s.h.p. Forth, 17 lbs.
 Price, see hand, 128.2 p.c. Jackson, 17 lbs.
W 129.2 p.c. SUREVIEW, Price for Metal
 Inset, New Right, Lawrence, North Sydney
W 130.2 p.c. small Aves SCALE, 7 lbs.
 N. N. Sydney.
W 131.2 p.c. Buy, Foot Lath, State price
 and particulars to W. W. Post, Office, William

TENDERS.
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 OF PARANMATA
BOROUGH
 TENDERS will be received at the Council-chamber,
 Parramatta, up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, the 29th

120. 1000 Kilograms (more or less) delivered at Hunt's Creek. Waterworks.

121. 1000 Kilograms (more or less) CEMENT, delivered at Queen's Wharf, Railway Station, or Waterworks, Parramatta.

A BANK OF BRICKS, company each tender, and cement to stand Government test is required.

The lowest or any tender not necessary accepted.

S. WICKHAM,
Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Parramatta,
22nd August, 1904.

1. CARPENTERS, Labour, 3 Cottages, Finsford, 1000 Kilograms (more or less) Cement.

2. CARPENTERS for factory new building, after 4 p.m. Plans and specifications, 100 Victoria Road, Leichhardt.

3. TO BUILDERS and Carpenters, 1000 Loads of Filling, cheap stone of all descriptions for Building purposes, 1000 Loads of good Stable Manure.

J. B. CRIETMAN,
20 Waterwood, 2nd & Church Sts., Ry.

TENDERS are invited for Painting, etc., Estimated at Summer Hill.

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THE WAR.

ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR.

A TREMENDOUS CONFLICT.

APPALLING MINE EXPLOSIONS.

THE NEUTRALITY OF SHANGHAI.

A REFERENCE TO PEKING.

RUSSIAN STAY EXTENDED.

LONDON, Aug. 23. The Japanese have captured the northernmost fort of the western line of the defense of Port Arthur. The first of the Russians, however, prevents it from being occupied.

It is reported at Chifu that the Russians have recaptured some of the positions at Port Arthur that had been taken by the Japanese.

Aug. 23. A witness of the explosion of the mine at Port Arthur which destroyed the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi, says that the Japanese advanced on a single Russian vessel. No guns were fired.

Suddenly a series of explosions occurred. One explosion opened a wide gap, shooting the debris into the air. The ground was littered with limbs and with piles of sand, and the adjoining cliffs of the island were plainly bare.

There are four areas which are mined all unexplored.

Best's correspondent reports that a tremendous conflict is raging at Port Arthur, and that victory is hanging in the balance.

Thirty thousand Japanese have lately arrived before Port Arthur from the north. Captain Hoffmann, the German attaché, says that a few women and children remain in the port.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS ESCAPE.

JAPANESE IN PURSUIT.

LONDON, Aug. 22. Reports have been received at Chifu to the effect that eight Russian torpedo-boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, and that seven Japanese destroyers are searching for them.

LOSSES ON RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

ATTACHES AT PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, Aug. 23. The warships which fled from Port Arthur on the 10th instant, and which engaged in battle with the Japanese fleet, retained the undermentioned losses:

Officers	Killed	Wounded
Men	150	300
Total	150	300

COALING BELLETERES.

ATTACHES AT PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, Aug. 23. Captain MacCauley, the United States attaché at Port Arthur, has arrived at Chifu, and is proceeding to Vladivostok.

The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that a Japanese attaché took the papers of Captain Hoffmann, the German attaché at Port Arthur, and was conveyed by a Japanese cruiser to Kiao-chau.

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